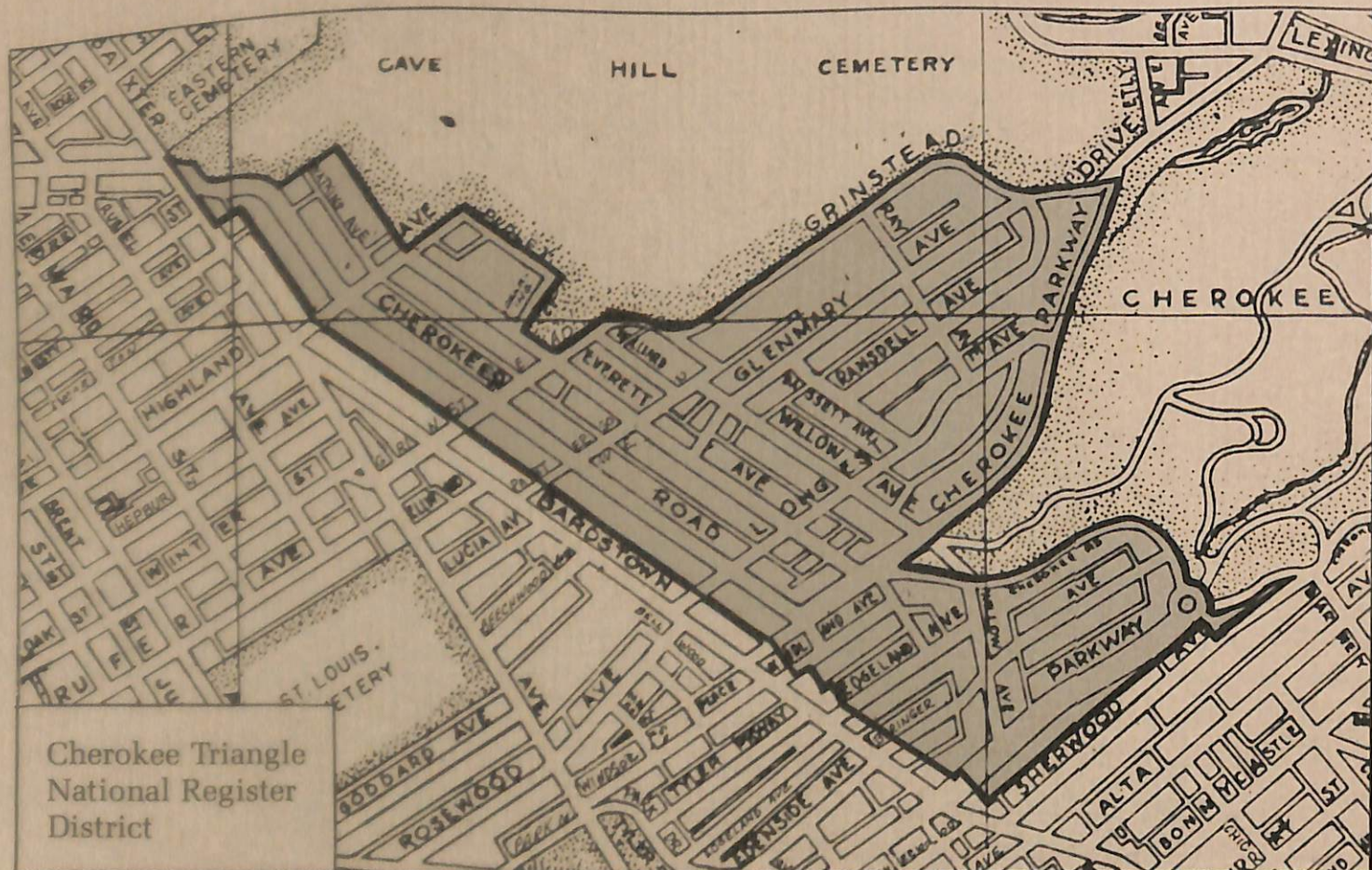




CHEROKEE TRIANGLE

The Cherokee Triangle, so named because of its geometric boundaries, is a nearly intact, vital example of the post Civil War/pre-World War I streetcar suburb in a compendium of the eclectic styles of residential and ecclesiastical architecture which prevailed in that time period. Bolstered by amenities such as Cherokee Park and Cave Hill Cemetery (used

as a park as well as a burial ground), Louisville's upper social strata chose this "rural" suburb as an option over the congested urban life in Old Louisville.

Architectural excellence is the hallmark of the district, and even though the fringes of this district have experienced a mid-century slump, the Cherokee

Triangle has remained stable and healthy with a rate of appreciation in property values in recent years unlike any other section of the county.

For this reason, Investment Tax Credit projects are not abundant in the Triangle. The substantial rehabilitation test is difficult to meet when the acquisition cost of the property is so high. Also, many single-family residences, converted in the '50s to apartments, are being restored to their original use for owner/occupants.

Most of the district's older homes are found on Cherokee Road (originally East Broadway), near Cave Hill. Some of Louisville's finest architecture can be found in the first several blocks. Italianate, Queen Anne, Romanesque Revival, Classical Revival—the array of Victorian styles is comparable only to clusters found in Old Louisville. Cherokee Road is also the area of the Triangle most likely to contain buildings which may require the substantial rehabilitation needed for an Investment Tax Credit project.

Non-contributing structures in this district are relatively few. The application of simulated materials is the major factor in such cases.



These side-by-side apartment buildings clearly represent the differences in architectural character which distinguish historic and non-historic structures within a district.



This photo illustrates the architectural qualities of houses built during the Victorian Gilded age.